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the week there were 3 cases under treatment at Hospital São Sebastião. The only death occurred in the city district of Espírito Santo.

There were 3 cases of bubonic plague reported, with no deaths therefrom, leaving at the end of the week 7 cases under treatment at the plague hospital at Jurajuba, Hospital Paulo Cândido.

Variola caused 33 deaths, with 41 cases reported, and at the end of the week there were still under treatment at the Hospital São Sebastião 79 cases.

There were no deaths caused by scarlet fever, diphtheria, dysentery, or leprosy. Measles caused 1 death; whooping cough, 1; grippe, 7; enteric fever, 1; beriberi, 1; malarial fevers, 11; and tuberculosis, 44.

The highest range of the thermometer was on April 5, namely,  $31.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ ., and the lowest on April 8, namely,  $20.4^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The average for the week was  $23.81^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The average rainfall for the week was 11.57 mm., the total rainfall for the week being 81.04 mm.

### *Dysentery at Pernambuco.*

[Cablegram.]

RIO, May 7, 1904.

WYMAN, Washington:

It is reported that there have been 617 deaths from dysentery Pernambuco April.

STEWART.

### BRITISH HONDURAS.

### *Report from Belize, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Carson reports as follows: Week ended April 28, 1904. Present officially estimated population, 8,500; number of deaths, 9; prevailing disease a mild type of malarial fever and phthisis pulmonalis; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, fairly good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

| Date.         | Vessel.                    | Number of crew. | Number of passengers from this port. | Number of passengers in transit. | Pieces of baggage. |
|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Apr. 22<br>28 | Beverly.....<br>Spero..... | 45<br>16        | 7<br>0                               | 17<br>0                          | 14<br>0            |

### CHINA.

### *Reports from Shanghai—Smallpox.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, March 26 and April 6, as follows:

During the week ended March 26, 1904, there were issued 2 supplemental and 1 original bill of health, the latter being granted to the United States cruiser *Raleigh* without inspection upon certificate from the surgeon of that vessel. There were inspected 1 vessel, 50 crew, 39 cabin, and 4 steerage passengers, together with 93 pieces of baggage. There were disinfected 12 pieces of steerage passengers' baggage, and 1 piece of crew's baggage. There were vaccinated 3 steerage

passengers and 37 members of crew steamship *Kennebec*, bound to Manila. Manifests were viséd for 7,884 pieces of freight.

The municipal health officer reports for the week: Smallpox, 2 cases and 13 deaths; enteric fever, 4 cases; diphtheria, 1 case and 2 deaths; tuberculosis, 32 deaths; total mortality, 3 foreigners and 132 natives.

No quarantinable diseases were reported from outports.

During the week ended April 2, 1904, 1 vessel, with 32 crew, bound to Manila, was inspected and 26 natives of the crew were vaccinated.

The report of the municipal health officer shows for the week: Smallpox, 3 cases and 15 deaths; enteric fever, 1 case; diphtheria, 1 case and 2 deaths; tuberculosis, 29 deaths. The total mortality was 4 foreigners and 115 natives.

As stated in previous communications, the number of deaths reported here from contagious diseases is but a small percentage of those actually occurring, owing to the inability of the authorities to collect reliable statistics.

There were no quarantinable diseases reported from outports.

#### COSTA RICA.

##### *Report from Limon, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Goodman reports as follows: Week ended April 30, 1904. Estimated population, 4,000; number of deaths, 6; prevailing diseases, malarial fever and enteric disorders.

No evidence of any quarantinable disease in or around this port at present. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country can never be called good as long as surface cesspools, stagnant pools of water, and other numerous breeding places for mosquitoes exist.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

| Date.   | Vessel.              | Number of crew. | Number of passengers from this port. | Number of passengers in transit. | Pieces of baggage disinfected. |
|---------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Apr. 25 | Sarnia.....          | 53              | 31                                   | 5                                | 0                              |
| 26      | Admiral Schley ..... | 55              | 16                                   | 0                                | 0                              |
| 26      | Taunton.....         | 24              | 0                                    | 0                                | 0                              |
| 28      | Oracabessa .....     | 45              | 1                                    | 0                                | 0                              |
| 29      | Mt. Vernon.....      | 21              | 0                                    | 0                                | 0                              |
| 30      | Baker .....          | 42              | 0                                    | 0                                | 0                              |

#### CUBA.

##### *Report from Matanzas—Enteric fever and scarlatina—Quarantine of vessel from Tampico.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Nuñez reports, May 3, as follows:

During the week ended April 30, 1904, bills of health were issued to 7 vessels leaving for United States ports.

The British steamship *Camperdown*, which arrived in this port April 22 from Tampico, Mexico, via Cardenas, Cuba, was held in quarantine while in this port as a precautionary measure against yellow fever. She cleared for Philadelphia direct on April 27, having no sickness on board.

Two cases of enteric fever and two of scarlatina have been reported in this city during the past week. No quarantinable disease has been reported.